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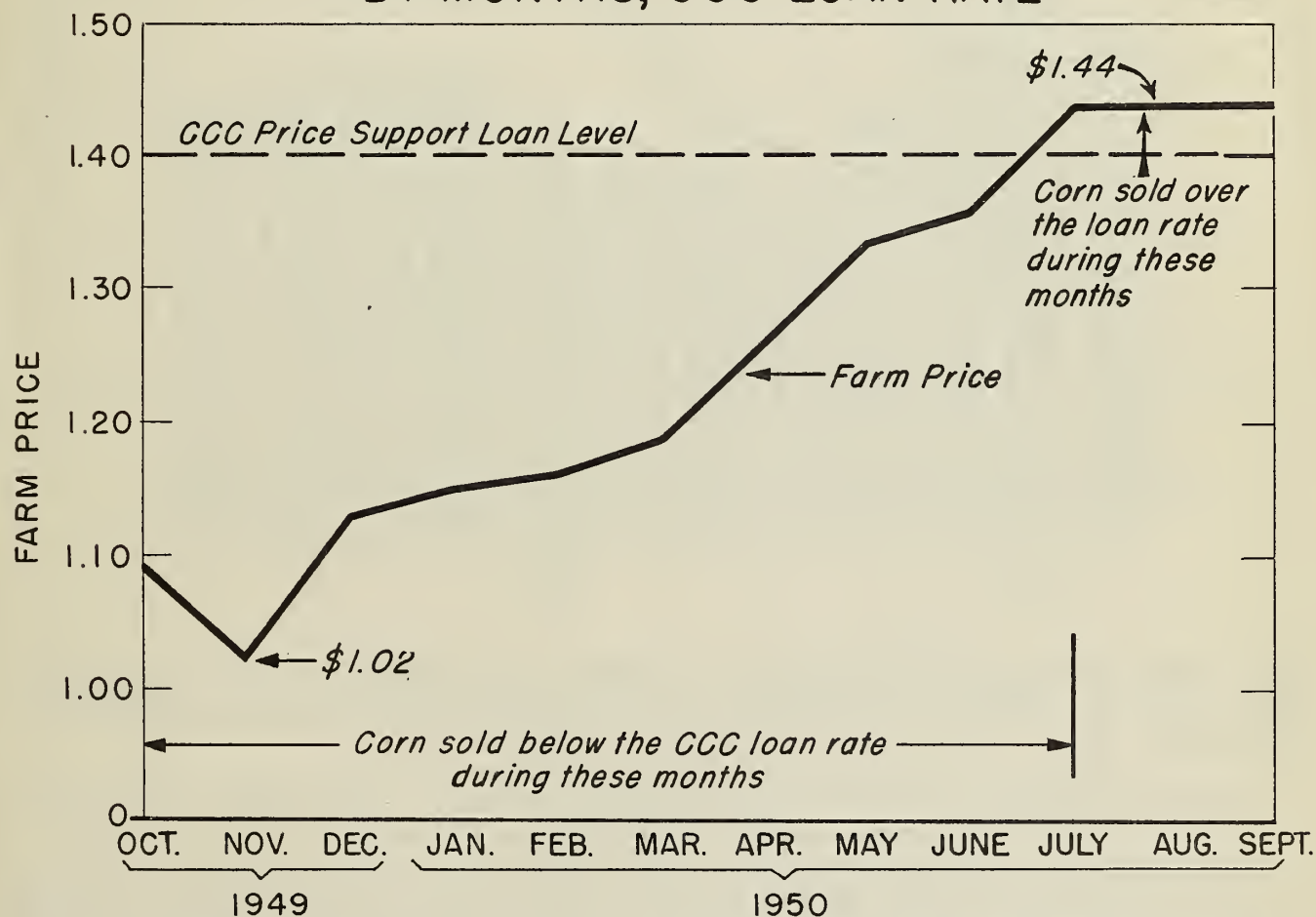


# CCC CORN LOANS

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- help prevent market gluts
- protect producers' prices

1949 CORN CROP MARKETING YEAR, FARM PRICE,  
BY MONTHS, CCC LOAN RATE



The marketing record for the corn crop of 1949—a typical corn year—illustrates what often happens. Prices were low at harvesttime and then strengthened materially later in the year. Although prices vary from year to year, this is the usual pattern.

Prices for the 1949 corn crop during the months October 1949 through January 1950 ranged from 25 to 38 cents a bushel below the CCC loan rate of \$1.40 a bushel, United States average. More than 40 percent of the corn sold by farmers was sold during that period.

## GREATER USE OF THE CCC CORN LOAN COULD HAVE STABILIZED THIS MARKETING

The Commodity Credit Corporation price-support loan is designed to help corn producers do an orderly job of marketing their corn. By providing ready cash, loans can help producers carry corn over the usual low-price period of harvesttime instead of "dumping" it on the market.

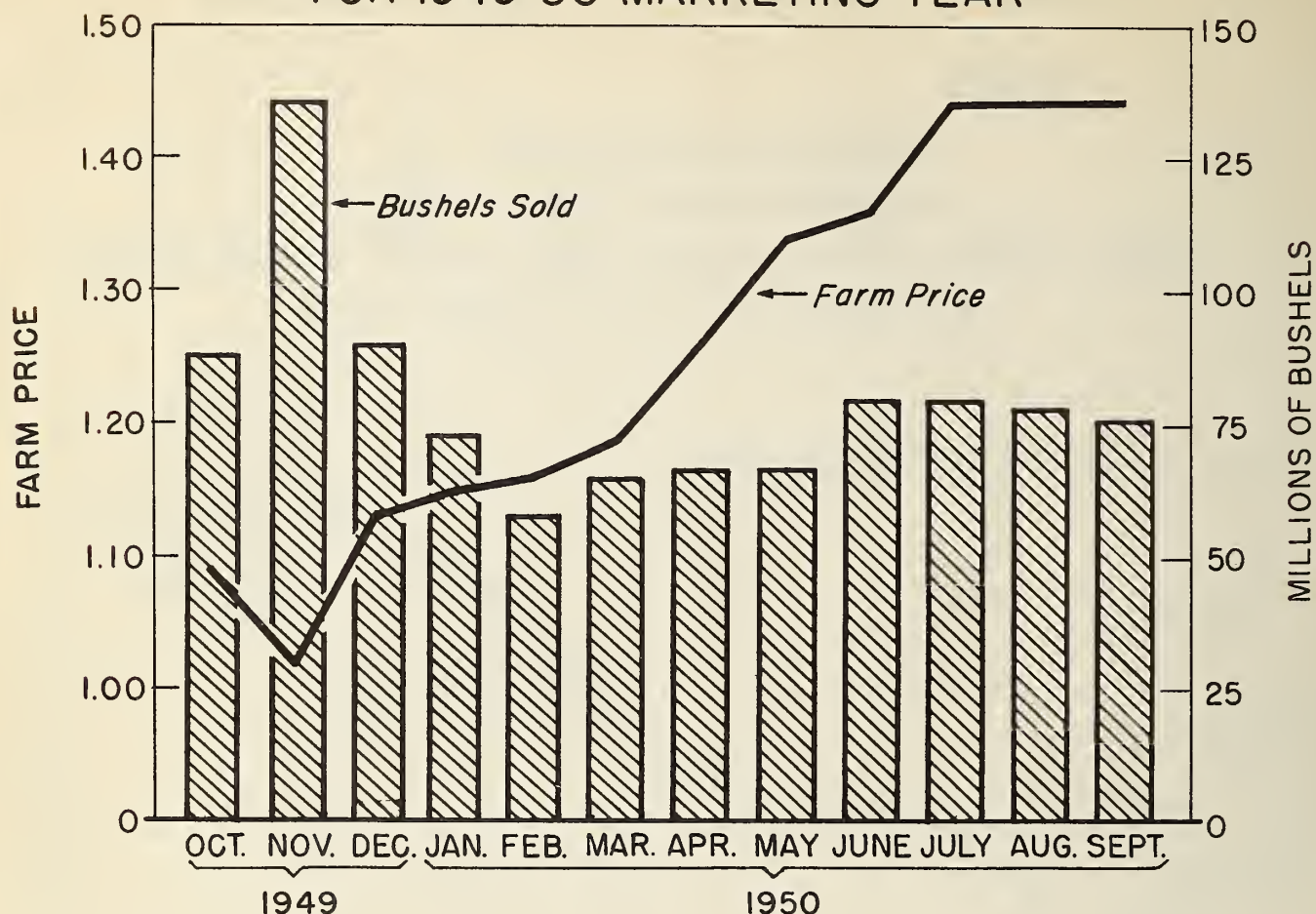
Under the loan, the grower retains title and control of his corn. Although his price is protected at the loan rate, the producer may sell his corn any time before the loan matures if that is to his advantage.

The CCC purchase agreement for corn, in which CCC agrees to buy from the farmer a specified amount of corn of a specified grade at the support price, is good price protection for those producers who do not want a loan but intend to store their corn.

CCC loans and purchase agreements for 1951 corn are available from time of harvest through May 31, 1952.

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## CORN PRICE AND VOLUME MARKETING, BY MONTHS, FOR 1949-50 MARKETING YEAR



FARM PRICE OF CORN ON THE 15TH OF EACH MONTH AND THE ESTIMATED VOLUME OF CORN SOLD BY FARMERS, BY MONTHS, DURING THE MARKETING YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 1949.

Experience during the corn marketing year beginning October 1, 1949, illustrates the definite relationship between heavy marketings and low prices during and immediately after harvesting.

During November more than 136 million bushels were sold and the price dropped to \$1.02 on the 15th—38 cents a bushel under the CCC loan rate. Three out of every four bushels of corn sold by producers during the 1949 crop-marketing year brought less than the CCC loan rate. Of the estimated 964 million bushels of corn sold by farmers more than 23 percent was sold during November and December. Beginning in February the marketings leveled off and prices were better during the rest of the year.

### USE THE CCC CORN LOAN TO STABILIZE MARKETING DURING THE YEAR

If you plan to carry part of your 1951 corn over into next spring and summer, you should consider these suggestions:

1. Store in adequate cribs the corn you intend to keep. The best cribs are those which permit the fastest natural curing by ventilation or in which artificial drying equipment can be used.
2. Use artificial drying if necessary to insure that corn intended for storage beyond the cold winter months will be in proper condition.

For details on the CCC corn price-support loan or purchase agreement, visit your County PMA office or see your PMA County or Community Committeeman.

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